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MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 1. Good offices and peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the title and the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 1, Good offices and peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. The revisions

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* After adoption by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, the complete revised medium-term plan will be issued in final printed form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1).

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do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate of the programme. Rather, at the level of general orientation and overall strategy, they incorporate certain changes in the problems and issues facing the Secretary-General. They also reflect organizational changes arising from the reorganization of the Secretariat.

4. The following text modifies the title of the programme and paragraphs 1.2 to 1.6, 1.9, 1.10, 1.18, 1.19 and 1.21 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

A. Programme

5. It is proposed to revise the title of Programme 1 to read: "GOOD OFFICES, PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY, PEACEMAKING, PEACE-KEEPING, RESEARCH AND THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION".

1. General orientation

Paragraph 1.2 — In the last sentence, after "preventive diplomacy" insert "and peacemaking".

Paragraph 1.3 — Replace the second to fifth sentences with the following:

"In March 1992, the Secretary-General established the Department of Political Affairs to develop an enhanced capacity for good offices, preventive diplomacy, and peacemaking, and to collect and analyse relevant information, in alerting the relevant organs about impending crises, and in carrying out mandates decided upon by the Security Council, the General Assembly and other competent organs. This new department, headed by two Under-Secretaries-General, incorporated most and in some cases all of the activities of the following former departments and offices: Office for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services; Office for Research and the Collection of Information; Department for Political and Security Council Affairs; Department for Special Political Questions, Regional Cooperation, Decolonization and Trusteeship and the Department for Disarmament Affairs. Further, in order to strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat in the area of peace-keeping, and to enhance its planning and managerial capability, the Secretary-General established the Department of Peace-keeping Operations, which incorporated the former Office for Special Political Affairs."

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 1.4 — Replace the second sentence with the following: "At the Secretariat level, primary responsibility falls under the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Peace-keeping Operations."

Paragraph 1.5 — Replace subparagraph 1.5 (c) with the following:

"To undertake research, and collect and analyse information in support of the efforts of the Secretary-General in matters related to the maintenance of international peace and security."

3. Subprogramme structure and priorities

Paragraph 1.6 — Replace paragraph 1.6 with the following:

"The programme on good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection and analysis of information will consist of the following subprogrammes:

"Subprogramme 1. Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking

"Subprogramme 2. Peace-keeping operations

"Subprogramme 3. Research, collection and analysis of information."

B. Subprogrammes

SUBPROGRAMME 1. GOOD OFFICES AND PEACE-MAKING

Title of subprogramme — Revise the title of subprogramme 1 to read, "Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking".

Paragraph 1.9 — In the first sentence, after "such as" insert "fact-finding and"

Paragraph 1.10 — Insert the following after the first sentence: "In addition to the restructuring and consolidation of the political departments, he has presented his analysis and recommendations on the capacity of the United Nations for preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and for peace-keeping in his report 'An Agenda for Peace' of 17 June 1992."

In the last sentence, after "peacemaking activities" insert "and preventive diplomacy".

SUBPROGRAMME 3. RESEARCH AND COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Title of subprogramme — Revise the title of subprogramme 3 to read "Research, collection and analysis of information".

Paragraph 1.18

Replace paragraph 1.18 with the following:

"The legislative mandate for the subprogramme derives from Articles 13, 34, 98 and 99 of the Charter and General Assembly resolutions 12 (I), 41/12, 41/70, 41/213, 42/92, 42/93, 43/22, 43/61, 43/86, 44/11, 44/20, 44/120, 44/124 to 44/126, 44/164, 46/42 and 46/49, and decision 46/414".

Paragraph 1.19

Replace paragraph 1.19 with the following:

"Member States have stressed that the United Nations, through its relevant organs, should deal in a timely and urgent manner with potential or actual threats to peace. This requires a reliable and well-organized system for collecting, analysing and disseminating information for early warning of potential conflict areas where the United Nations could be of assistance in resolving disputes by peaceful means. With the advent of a new global situation and a new and enhanced role for the Organization in the structure of international relations the development of this system becomes a necessity. This subprogramme will aim to maintain an overview of bilateral, regional and international developments; identify potential sources of crisis management; encourage negotiated settlement of differences; and ensure effective implementation of intergovernmental decisions in the areas of international and regional security, peace and research, and the promotion of peace."

Paragraph 1.21

Replace "Office for Research and the Collection of Information" with "Department of Political Affairs".

Replace subparagraph (b) with the following:

"Collecting and analysing political information from news agencies and the media, United Nations information centres and other publicly available sources on developments related to peace and security for use by the Secretary-General and senior officials".

In subparagraph (f), after "the United Nations system" insert "regional organizations,".

Replace subparagraph (g) with the following:

"Prepare background papers, analyses and assessments with a focus on longer-range and security issues and on international developments relevant to responsibilities of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security and on regional security, cooperation and zones of peace".

Add new subparagraphs (h) to (j) as follows:

"(h) Prepare reports for submission to the General Assembly on issues of international peace and security and on regional security, cooperation and zones of peace;

"(i) Collect and analyse views of Member States on problems concerning peace and security and prepare reports accordingly, as requested by the General Assembly;

"(j) Undertake and coordinate studies and projects in peace research and for the promotion of peace."